

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for managing a food and beverage supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
3 a) receiving data from a plurality of food and beverage outlets of a food and
4 beverage supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of food and
5 beverages by the food and beverage outlets;
6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering food and
7 beverages from a food and beverage distributor of the food and beverage supply
8 chain;
9 c) transmitting the data to the food and beverage distributor of the food and beverage
10 supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) transmitting the data to a food and beverage supplier of the food and beverage
12 supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) forecasting activity in the food and beverage supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 food and beverage distributors and food and beverage suppliers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the food and
2 beverage outlets, the food and beverage distributor, the food and beverage
3 supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the food and beverage
2 distributor and the food and beverage supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the food and beverage outlets, the food and
2 beverage distributor, and the food and beverage supplier each forecast utilizing
3 the data.
- 1 7. A system for managing a food and beverage supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of food and beverage outlets of a food
4 and beverage supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of food
5 and beverage by the food and beverage outlets;
 - 6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on ^{the} the data for ordering food
7 and beverage from a food and beverage distributor of the food and beverage
8 supply chain;
 - 9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the food and beverage distributor of the food and
10 beverage supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) logic for transmitting the data to a food and beverage supplier of the food and
12 beverage supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the food and beverage supply chain utilizing the
14 data.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 food and beverage distributors and food and beverage suppliers.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the food and
2 beverage outlets, the food and beverage distributor, the food and beverage
3 supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the food and beverage
2 distributor and the food and beverage supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the food and beverage outlets, the food and
2 beverage distributor, and the food and beverage supplier each forecast utilizing
3 the data.
- 1 13. A computer program product for managing a food and beverage supply chain
2 utilizing a network, comprising:
 - 3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of food and beverage outlets of
4 a food and beverage supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale
5 of food and beverage by the food and beverage outlets;
 - 6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering food and beverage from a food and beverage distributor of the food and
8 beverage supply chain;
 - 9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the food and beverage distributor of the
10 food and beverage supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to a food and beverage supplier of the
12 food and beverage supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the food and beverage supply chain
14 utilizing the data.
- 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of food and beverage distributors and food and beverage
3 suppliers.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the food and beverage outlets, the food and beverage distributor, the food and
3 beverage supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 food and beverage distributor and the food and beverage supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the food and beverage
2 outlets, the food and beverage distributor, and the food and beverage supplier
3 each forecast utilizing the data.